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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joey Kean Ho Kwong, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, entered a guilty plea today in front of U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz, for wilfully filing a false personal tax return for the tax year 2001. Kwong faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a one-year term of supervised release, in addition to civil penalties and payment of back taxes.

Kwong admitted that in 2001 he filed a false personal tax return in which he understated the income he derived from his business, Hibachi Joe's, Inc. located in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The case against Kwong was the result of an investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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